



Car Wash Registration Packet

The DPW/L Environmental Division requires approval of car wash locations *prior* to the event. Please read this packet and follow the provided instructions. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope that your event is a great success!

Car washes can be great opportunities for volunteerism, community involvement and general fundraising. This car wash registration packet isn't meant to discourage car washes or be a nuisance. The Environmental Division uses this registration process as an educational tool. Listed below are issues associated with a car wash that you might not be aware of.

- While washing your car *cleans* the vehicle, it can easily *dirty* the environment. Washing your car does create pollution. The aim is to minimize and prevent pollution from entering our natural systems.
- Soapy water, oily residues, heavy metals and tar, washed from cars, pollute our natural environment. Fort Monroe is especially sensitive since we are nestled so close to the Chesapeake Bay. When wash water runs into the storm drains, it heads directly into the Chesapeake Bay. Wash water may seem harmless, but to the delicate ecosystems of the Bay, it can be devastating. Especially, when you multiply that times the thousands of other people washing their cars and running their wash water down storm drains.
- The official Fort Monroe car wash policy states that car wash locations need to be grassy areas, so that polluted wastewater can trickle down through the ground. Soils, plant life and other systems in the ground help to clean and capture some of the pollution. Essentially, it is nature's way of scrubbing water clean before it gets to our ground water supply. The car wash location must have adequate area for cars to spread out while being washed. This will minimize rutting of the grass and increase infiltration.
- It is recommended that mild, biodegradable soaps such as "*Simple Green*" be used.

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Car Wash Registration Form

Please Print Legibly

(ORGANIZATION)

(CAR WASH DATE)

(POC Name and FAX #)

Desired Location: Briefly describe where you would like to hold your event. For some good suggestions of sites approved in the past please call 788-2444. Fax this form to 788-2841 for approval. When this form is signed and returned your registration process is complete. Bring a copy of this form to your event.

The location above has been approved by _____ of the
DPW/L Environmental office. (Signature of Approval)

Note: If this is a recurring event every year, you don't have to continually go through the registration process. Please just email becky.holland@us.army.mil and note the date and times of your previously approved location. Just keep a copy of your approval on file.